Security belt along country's border

*135. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a renewed threat from Pakistan to India's territorial integrity and sovereignty; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to renew the Parliament's decision to create a security belt along the country's border to stem the undesirable activities in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMED SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Basic changes in Postal and Telegraph Acts

*136. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering some basic changes in the Postal and Telegraph Acts in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed changes ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b)

Indian Post Office Act

Government is reviewing the Indian Post Office Act as well as the Indian Post Office Amendment Bill 1986 returned by the President. Among other things the review would also cover the need to ensure privacy to citizens.

The matter is still under examination and the details are yet to be worked out.

Indian Telegraph Act

Certain provisions of the Indian Telegraph Act are being reviewed. The proposals in this regard have not yet been finalised.

International film festival of India in Calcutta

*137. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 21st International Film Festival of India was held in Calcutta in the second week of January onwards;

(b) if so, what were the details of the Indian Films which were selected; for exhibition in the Film Festival;

(c) what criteria were adopted for selecting those films; and

(d) what criteria were adopted in regard to the selection and exhibition of foreign films in the festival ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir, from January 10 to 20, 1990.

(b) The details of the Indian films selected for exhibition are given in the statement. (*See* below)1